Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1.   (currently amended) A tool for cracking crabs, said tool comprising:

a base having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of end edges and a pair of

5   side edges, said base comprising a water buoyant material;

a cracking member, said base having a cracking member storage well extending

into one of said end edges for selectively receiving said cracking member,

said well being positioned between said top surface and said bottom

surface, said cracking member comprising a plate, said plate including an

10   upper edge and a lower edge, wherein a crab may be cracked upon said

upper; and

a coupler being attached to said top surface for selectively attaching said bottom

edge of said cracking member to said base such that said cracking member

extends upwardly from said base.

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2.   (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom surfaces each
having a generally rectangular shape, each of said end edges having a length generally
between 8 inches and 12 inches, each of said side edges having a length generally
between 8 inches and 12 inches.

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.   Claim 3 (cancelled)

4.   (currently amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein said cracking member
includes a plate having an upper edge and a lower edge, further including a flange being

25   attached to and extending along a length of said lower edge, said flange being orientated
generally perpendicular to a plane of said plate, said flange having oppositely positioned
edge extending in opposite directions with respect to said plane of said plate.

5.   (previously presented) The tool of claim 4, wherein said coupler includes a
30   raised section generally extending between said end edges of said top surface, said raised
section having a slot extending through a length thereof, said slot having a horizontal

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portion and a vertical portion extending away from the horizontal portion and upwardly through an upper side of said raised surface, wherein said flange may be removably extended into said horizontal portion such that said plate extends upwardly through said vertical portion.

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6.   (original) The tool of claim 1, further including a plurality of feet being attached to said bottom surface.

7.   (original) The tool of claim 6, wherein each of said feet are elongated and
10   each generally extends between said end edges of said base.

Claims 8-10 (cancelled)

11.   (previously presented) A tool for cracking crabs, said tool comprising:
15   a base having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of end edges and a pair of
                side edges, said top and bottom surfaces each having a generally
                rectangular shape, each of said end edges having a length generally
                between 8 inches and 12 inches, each of said side edges having a length
                generally between 8 inches and 12 inches, said base comprising a water
20   buoyant material;
        a cracking member includes a plate having an upper edge and a lower edge, a
                flange being attached to and extending along a length of said lower edge,
                said flange being orientated generally perpendicular to a plane of said
                plate, said flange extending in opposite directions with respect to said
25   plane of said plate;
        a coupler being attached to said top surface for selectively attaching said cracking
                member to said base such that said cracking member extends upwardly
                from said base, said coupler being generally positioned in a central area of
                said top surface, said coupler including a raised section generally
30   extending between said end edges of said top surface, said raised section
                having a slot extending through a length thereof, said slot having a

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horizontal portion and a vertical portion extending away from the
horizontal portion and upwardly through an upper side of said raised
surface, wherein said flange may be removably extended into said
horizontal portion such that said plate extends upwardly through said
5   vertical portion;

a plurality of feet being attached to said bottom surface, each of said feet being
elongated and generally extending between said end edges of said base;
and

a cracking member storage well extending into one of said end edges, said well
10   having a size and shape for selectively receiving said cracking member in
a stored position.

12.   (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said water buoyant
material is a wood material.

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Claims 13-23 (cancelled)

24.   (new) A tool for cracking crabs, said tool comprising:

a base having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of end edges and a pair of
20   side edges, said base comprising a water buoyant material;

a cracking member, said base having a cracking member storage well extending
into one of said end edges for selectively receiving said cracking member,
said well being positioned between said top surface and said bottom
surface, said cracking member including a plate having an upper edge and
25   a lower edge, a flange being attached to and extending along a length of
said lower edge, said flange being orientated generally perpendicular to a
plane of said plate, said flange having oppositely positioned edge
extending in opposite directions with respect to said plane of said plate;
and

30   a coupler being attached to said top surface for selectively attaching said cracking
member to said base such that said cracking member extends upwardly

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from said base, said coupler including a raised section generally extending between said end edges of said top surface, said raised section having a slot extending through a length thereof, said slot having a horizontal portion and a vertical portion extending away from the horizontal portion and upwardly through an upper side of said raised surface, wherein said flange may be removably extended into said horizontal portion such that said plate extends upwardly through said vertical portion.

25.   (new) The tool of claim 24, further including a plurality of feet being attached to said bottom surface.

26.   (new) The tool of claim 25, wherein each of said feet are elongated and each generally extends between said end edges of said base.

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